

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-17 are in this case.

The claims have been amended to remove multiple claim dependencies, to improve readability and to place the application in better format for examination.

No new matter is believed to have been added.

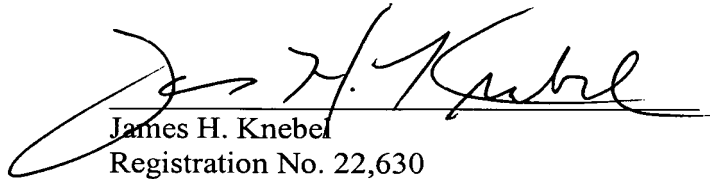
An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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